**PUBLIC NOTICE: 06-39** 

**DATED:** May 11, 2006

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY ASSESSMENT AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

AGENCY: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)

ACTION: NOTICE OF PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY ASSESSMENT
AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

SUMMARY: EPA IS PROVIDING NOTICE OF A PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE

PENALTY ASSESSMENT FOR ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT.

EPA IS ALSO PROVIDING NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THE

PROPOSED PENALTY ASSESSMENT.

UNDER 33 U.S.C. §1319(G), EPA IS AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE ORDERS ASSESSING CIVIL PENALTIES FOR VARIOUS VIOLATIONS OF THE ACT. EPA MAY ISSUE SUCH ORDERS AFTER THE COMMENCEMENT OF A CLASS I OR CLASS II PENALTY PROCEEDING. EPA PROVIDES PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT PURSUANT TO 33 U.S.C. §1319(G)(4)(A).

CLASS I PROCEEDINGS ARE CONDUCTED UNDER EPA'S "CONSOLIDATED RULES OF PRACTICE GOVERNING THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSESSMENT OF

CIVIL PENALTIES, ISSUANCE OF COMPLIANCE OR CORRECTIVE ACTION
ORDERS AND THE REVOCATION, TERMINATION OR SUSPENSION OF PERMITS",
40 CFR PART 22. THE PROCEDURES THROUGH WHICH THE PUBLIC MAY
SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENT ON A PROPOSED CLASS I COMPLAINT OR
PARTICIPATE IN A CLASS I PROCEEDING, AND THE PROCEDURES BY WHICH A
RESPONDENT MAY REQUEST A HEARING, ARE SET FORTH IN THE
CONSOLIDATED RULES. THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING PUBLIC COMMENT
ON A PROPOSED CLASS I ORDER IS THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER ISSUANCE OF
PUBLIC NOTICE.

ON THE DATE IDENTIFIED BELOW, EPA COMMENCED THE
FOLLOWING CLASS I PROCEEDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF PENALTIES:
IN THE MATTER OF THE CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP SEWAGE TREATMENT
PLANT, 303 HARDING HIGHWAY, CARNEYS POINT, NEW JERSEY 08069, DOCKET
NO. CWA-02-2006-3321; FILED ON MAY 3, 2006 WITH REGIONAL HEARING CLERK
KAREN MAPLES, U.S. EPA, REGION 2, 290 BROADWAY, 16 FLOOR, NEW YORK,
NEW YORK 10007 (212) 637-3247; PROPOSED PENALTY:
\$5,500, FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AS
REQUIRED BY THE 40 CFR PART 503 STANDARDS FOR THE USE OR DISPOSAL OF
SEWAGE SLUDGE. EPA HAS PROVIDED THE RESPONDENT WITH A SETTLEMENT
OFFER OF \$1,100 IN AN EFFORT TO PROMPTLY SETTLE THIS MATTER.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: PERSONS WISHING TO RECEIVE A COPY OF EPA'S CONSOLIDATED RULES, REVIEW THE COMPLAINT OR OTHER DOCUMENTS FILED IN THESE PROCEEDINGS, COMMENT UPON THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS, OR OTHERWISE PARTICIPATE IN ANY OF THE PROCEEDINGS, SHOULD CONTACT THE REGIONAL HEARING CLERK IDENTIFIED ABOVE. UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, THE ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD FOR THESE PROCEEDINGS ARE LOCATED IN THE EPA REGIONAL OFFICE IDENTIFIED ABOVE, AND THE FILES WILL BE OPEN FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS. ALL INFORMATION SUBMITTED BY THE RESPONDENT IS AVAILABLE AS PART OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD, SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF LAW RESTRICTING PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.

IN ORDER TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT, EPA WILL ISSUE NO FINAL ORDER ASSESSING A PENALTY IN THESE PROCEEDINGS PRIOR TO THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE SPECIFIED ABOVE.

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DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT AND

COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE